

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

REY

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For: Process for Preparing 1,4-
Disubstituted Piperidine Compounds



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The following document is in response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2000. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expired on February 6, 2001. Please amend the above-mentioned application as follows.

It is believed that this response is being timely submitted before the statutory deadline and a Petition for a one-month extension of time is required to respond. If however, a petition for a greater extension of time to respond is required, please consider this to be a petition for such extension. Should any fee be missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Lorusso & Loud deposit account No. 12-2147.